

SERVICES

In 1960, services accounted for 60.9 acres or 2.6 percent of the total developed land in Kinston. In 1971, service land use totaled 283.6 acres or 7.8 percent of the total developed land. This large increase is mainly due to the reclassification of much land that was formally classified as trade. Under the present classification* such uses as banking services, self-service laundries, schools and cemeteries are included. In comparison with the 1960 land use survey; there is a gain of 222.7 acres of land in this classification but it must be remembered that much of this increase is due to the use of the present classification system.*

One major category under this land use classification that is worthwhile noting is cemeteries. Cemeteries occupy approximately 50 acres of land within the Kinston Planning Area. The city's operation of these cemeteries has not resulted in a profit or even a breakdown operation. Currently, cemeteries are operated on a seven day a week basis with no restrictions as to who can be buried in the city operated cemeteries. By operating the cemeteries on a seven day a week basis, some city employees must work on weekends, therefore, must be paid on a time and a half basis. Possibly with a five day a week (Monday through Friday) operation, the weekend labor expense would not be incurred and be a savings to the taxpayers of Kinston. If this change in the number of days of

*Standard Land Use Coding Manual, 1969, U.S. Department of Transportation; Federal Highway Administration; Bureau of Public Roads.